

Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018
City Council Chambers, City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Lieberman, Hurt, Mates, Kim

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Stone

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Christine Baird and Kathy Messenger, Belmont Lions Club

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Belmont Lions Club Update on Activities

Kathy Messenger, Belmont Lions Club, provided information on the mission and activities of the Belmont Lions Club.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kathleen Beasley, Belmont Library Manager, provided an update on upcoming programs. She noted that applications are being accepted for a new poet laureate, since the current poet laureate's term is ending.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Mates announced the upcoming Adopt a Unit visit.

Councilmember Hurt announced the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference and the Women's Hall of Fame. She noted that Sequoia Union High School students are organizing a march on March 24th in Redwood City. She made note of the ongoing home sharing program through HIP (Human Investment Project) Housing. She described a program at Carlmont High School that addresses student diversity.

Mayor Kim thanked City staff and Crystal Springs Uplands School for assisting with his State of the City address. He thanked the Belmont Fire Department for its efforts in the recent biowatch exercise. He noted the upcoming Carlmont internship program, and that work is under way for the installation of a traffic light at Ralston Avenue and South Road. He pointed out that local school walkouts were planned for March 14.

CLARIFICATION ON ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

In response to Councilmember Hurt's inquiry regarding the Ralston Sewer Rehabilitation, Public Works Director Oskoui clarified that as a result of input provided at public outreach meetings, there would be no night work.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018

Resolution 2018-012 approving 1) plans and specifications, authorizing advertisement for sealed bids, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 with a ten percent construction contingency, and 2) a Task Order for Construction Management Services with Tanner Pacific, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$179,360, with a ten percent contingency for the Ralston Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase II, City Contract Number 2016-551

Resolution 2018-013 approving a permanent encroachment agreement to allow a privately maintained wall within the public right-of-way at 1048 Lassen Drive (APN 043-152-070)

Resolution 2018-014 establishing a City-wide/master pay schedule and confirming the pay rates/ranges for all City of Belmont established positions

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

2017 Annual Housing Reports

Management Analyst Rose provided the status and progress of implementing the housing element. She described the RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Analysis) numbers and pointed out that the City of Belmont is trending to be able to come close to meeting those numbers with developments that are under way or planned in 2018 and beyond. She described the Housing Successor Report which addresses former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) properties, and pointed out that the City is in compliance with the expenditure limit. She clarified that the City is required to spend money on lower income affordable housing on former RDA properties.

Discussion ensued regarding streamlining regulations to enable cities to meet RHNA numbers.

City Attorney Rennie clarified that newer housing laws requires cities to meet housing numbers in certain income categories.

Discussion regarding qualifiers for very low and low-income categories.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent) to accept the 2017 Annual Housing Report, and to authorize its transmittal to the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Planning Procedures Revision

Senior Planner DiDonato stated that the goal in revising procedures is to better clarify and consolidate procedural regulations for planning, and to create efficiencies. He explained that this matter needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission before final adoption by the City Council.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and

unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent) to introduce an ordinance revising the planning procedures in the Belmont Zoning Ordinance (BZO).

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Lieberman reported on a recent Silicon Valley Clean Water agency meeting.

Councilmember Mates described a recent Audit subcommittee meeting.

Mayor Kim reported on a recent C/CAG Board meeting, as well as the SFO Roundtable.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles noted that the South Road signalization project, funded by CSUS (Crystal Springs Uplands School), has begun.

Commission Appointments

Discussion ensued regarding the quality of the candidates who applied for commission seats. Councilmembers indicated their top candidates for each commission.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Hurt, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the following resolutions were adopted:

2018-015 Appointing Tom McCune, Nathan Majeski, and David Kramer to three-year terms on the Planning Commission

2018-016 Appointing Caroline Pyrz to Fill a Vacant Position on the Planning Commission, for a one-year term

2018-017 Appointing Karl Mittelstadt, Chuck Cotten, and Thaddeus Block to two-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission

2018-018 Appointing Andres Raddavero and Sam Hosmer to one-year terms as youth members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

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Review of Council Intergovernmental Assignments

Councilmember Hurt offered to become the delegate to the Cal Train Modernization Committee, and Councilmember Mates offered to be the alternate. No other changes were made to the assignments.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

San Mateo County Gun Buyback

Mayor Kim noted that public safety is one of the most important functions of government. He would like to address recurring violence that affects communities, and stated that he and Vice Mayor Hurt are working with staff to schedule a future study session to talk about training in schools, and mental health. They are also working with staff to draft a resolution expressing the City of Belmont's position on public safety and gun violence.

City Manager Scoles outlined the request from a group to participate in the gun back program. He clarified that the County Sheriff will manage program, and 2013 was the last time there was such a program. He pointed out that the Belmont Police Department is supportive of Belmont's participation in this program.

The following people spoke in support of Belmont's participation in the buyback program:

Nilu Jenks, Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback

Adam Wanz, Belmont resident

Patti Leggett-Wantz, Belmont resident

Amy Goldfarb, Belmont resident

Councilmembers expressed support for the program.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Mates, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent) to contribute \$5,000 to a countywide gun buyback program in San Mateo County.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:50 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

Meeting televised and webstreamed.